



## MINUTES

**June 28, 2006**

### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Co-chair Turrentine, called the meeting of the Commission on Youth and Children to order at 5:11 pm, in the large conference room at the Parks, Recreation and Marine Administration Building. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, roll call was taken, and a quorum was confirmed.

#### **Present:**

**Pierre Batton, 1<sup>st</sup> District Representative, Co-Chair**

**Rebecca Turrentine, Education, Co-Chair**

Amber Hines, *9<sup>th</sup> District Youth*  
Helen Ingram, *Education*  
Marty Isozaki, *Job Training*  
Jeanetta McAlpin, *Social Services*  
Jon Meyer, *LBUSD Board Member*  
Jessica Quintana, *Parent*

Marc Rothenberg, *Juvenile Justice*  
Mackenzie Martin, *5<sup>th</sup> District Youth*  
Kevin Scott, *Youth Enrichment*  
Mary Soth, *Early Childhood Development*  
Chelsii Summerville, *4<sup>th</sup> District Youth*

#### **Absent:**

VACANT, *6<sup>th</sup> District Youth*  
Crystal Palatto, *7<sup>th</sup> District Youth*  
Phillip Penn, *8<sup>th</sup> District Youth*

Lauren Perry, *2<sup>nd</sup> District Youth*  
Victor Perez, *Health*

#### **Staff:**

Phil Hester, Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine  
Cynthia Fogg, Superintendent Citywide Youth Study, Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine  
Andrew Romero, Youth Specialist, Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine  
Christina Santos, Commission Clerk, Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine

#### **Guests:**

Dane Carswell, Gay Lesbian Adolescent Social Services (GLASS)  
Jennifer Gonzalez, City of Long Beach, Department of Health and Human Services, Youth Health Education  
Mario Gonzalez, City of Long Beach, Department of Health and Human Services, Youth Health Education  
Cecile Harris Walters, City of Long Beach, Workforce Development Bureau  
Suzanne Mason, City of Long Beach, City Manager's Office  
Analicia Mejia, City of Long Beach, Department of Health and Human Services, Youth Health Education

Christian Murillo, City of Long Beach, Department of Health and Human Services, Youth Health Education

Deandre Phillips, City of Long Beach, Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine

Susan Price, City of Long Beach, Department of Health and Human Services

Sofia Sami, City of Long Beach, Councilmember O'Donnell's Office

Amanda Wade, City of Long Beach, Department of Health and Human Services, Youth Health Education

## **II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**It was moved by Commissioner Martin and seconded by Commissioner Ingram to approve the May 24, 2006 Commission on Youth and Children minutes. The motion carried unanimously.**

## **III. COMMENTS**

Cecile Harris Walters, Special Projects Coordinator, City of Long Beach, Workforce Development, announced that paid work experience for youth is another employment option for Summer 2006, through a program funded by the County of Los Angeles.

## **IV. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT TO THE COMMISSION**

As usual, the Superintendent's monthly report was included in the agenda packet. There were no questions or comments at this time.

Superintendent Fogg announced that the Youth Services Coordination Division has relocated to the Big Recreation Club House at the Recreation Park Golf Course. The address is 5001 Deukmejian Drive Long Beach, CA 90804.

Ms. Fogg continued to explain that the Commissioners business cards would have to be reordered with the new office address and contact numbers.

## **V. CO-CHAIRS REPORT TO THE COMMISSION**

### **A. Co-Chair Batton**

Co-chair Batton reported that he currently has no update on the America's Promise Youth Partnership Team.

Co-chair Batton also reported that the Congressional Black Caucus Annual Legislative Convention is scheduled to take place on September 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>.

### **B. Co-Chair Turrentine**

Co-Chair Turrentine congratulated all Commissioners on their reappointments to the

Commission on Youth and Children. She continued by thanking Commissioners Hines, Ingram, Martin, and Rothenberg for representing the Commission at the City Council meeting, where the reappointments were announced.

Co-chair Turrentine briefly discussed her attendance at Mayor Beverly O'Neill's farewell celebration event on June 15<sup>th</sup>. She explained that it was a lovely and emotional event for everyone in attendance.

Co-chair Turrentine also announced that fellow Co-Chair Batton did an incredible job at representing the Commission at the America's Promise Pacific Regional Forum Event.

Co-chair Turrentine discussed the Proposition 49 Sustainability Committee. She explained that at the last meeting, the committee discussed fund raising for requirement of matching funds.

## **VI. REPORTS**

### **A. Committees**

#### **1. Executive Committee Co-Chairs Batton and Turrentine, Commissioner Meyer, and Commissioner Perry**

Co-Chair Turrentine explained that the committee met to discuss the June agenda and the Commission's role in the Proposition 49 Sustainability Committee.

#### **2. Profile Project Committee Commissioners Hines, Martin, Penn, Perez, Scott, and Soth**

Ms. Fogg explained that the Profile Project Committee did not meet due to the Youth Services Coordination Division move. Ms. Fogg reported that the next Profile Project Committee meeting is scheduled for July 26<sup>th</sup>. She also reported that Committee drafted letters have not been distributed to outside organizations due to the move. However the drafted letter from Phil Hester, Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine, to the City Manager Gerald R. Miller, will be sent out tomorrow.

#### **3. Public Relations Committee Commissioners Batton, Koulos, McAlpin, Rothenberg, Summerville, and Turrentine**

Andrew Romero explained that the Public Relations Committee did not meet due to the Youth Services Coordination Division move. Mr. Romero informed the Commission that the next Public Relations Committee meeting is scheduled for July 26<sup>th</sup>.

**4. Long Beach Youth Fund Committee**

Mr. Romero informed the Commission that the first Long Beach Youth Fund Committee meeting is scheduled for July 20<sup>th</sup>, however the location is to be announced.

**5. America's Promise Pacific Regional Forum Planning Committee Commissioners Batton, Scott, and Turrentine**

Co-Chair Batton recapped on the America's Promise event, explaining that he and Co-Chair Turrentine opened and assisted in hosting the forum event. He explained the different breakout sessions that were available, keynote speakers, and briefly discussed the breakout session that he participated in. He continued by discussing the Aquarium evening event.

**B. Standing Items**

**1. Youth Master Plan**

Ms. Fogg reported on the initial meeting with Dick Guthrie, Master Plan Consultant from the City of Claremont. She briefly reported on the initial meeting and explained to the Commission that they are currently working on scheduling a follow up meeting.

**2. District Level Youth Advisory Councils**

**Report on DLYAC meetings**

The various youth Commissioners present reported on the following schedules for the District Level Youth Advisory Councils. The schedule of the July 2006 DLYAC meetings was distributed as an attachment to the agenda package. Andrew Romero elaborated on each district meeting.

<i>District 1</i>	Dark
<i>District 2</i>	Dormant
<i>District 3</i>	Dark
<i>District 4</i>	Dark
<i>District 5</i>	Dark
<i>District 6</i>	Dark
<i>District 7</i>	Dark
<i>District 8</i>	Regular scheduled meeting.
<i>District 9</i>	Regular scheduled meeting.

Mr. Romero announced that Commissioner Hines would be heading out to Washington D. C. as an NAACP Finalist. He also explained that Commissioners Koulos and Penn were unable to attend this month's meeting because they were out of town. Commissioner Koulos was in Sacramento for a Legislative Leadership Conference, while Commissioner Penn was in Africa.

**3. Youth and Gang Violence Prevention Task Force**

Commissioner Rothenberg briefly reported on what was discussed at the Youth and Gang Violence Prevention Task Force meeting. He also announced that the next Youth and Gang Violence Prevention Task Force meeting is scheduled for July 10<sup>th</sup> at 1900 Atlantic Avenue.

**4. Proposition 49 Implementation Committee**

Commissioners Meyer and Turrentine reported on the current discussion topics that revolve around the Proposition 49 Implementation Committee and the Proposition 49 Sustainability Committee.

**C. Non-Committee Commissioner Comments**

No comments.

**VII. CORRESPONDENCE**

**A. Data Partnership** – Ms. Fogg explained that a memo from Phil T. Hester to the City Manager has been sent for distribution to all department heads.

**B. Data Partnership** – Ms. Fogg explained that a letter to community agencies and educational institutions have been drafted to encourage community participation in the Project Profile.

**C. Recommendation** – Ms. Fogg stated that a letter was sent to the City Manager's Office recommending including Proposition 49 and After School Programs in the Long Beach Challenge. This letter was sent by action of the May 24<sup>th</sup> Commission on Youth and Children meeting.

**VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**A. Preparing Long Beach Children for the Future: A Community Plan for Shaping the Early Care and Education System (Update)** – this agenda item was been postponed to the July 26<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**IX. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. City Budget Presentation** – the Commission listened to a brief presentation by Deputy City Manager, Suzanne Mason. The presentation discussed the development of the fiscal year 2006-2007 citywide budgets.

**It was moved by Commissioner Scott and seconded by Commissioner Hines to receive and file report. The motion carried unanimously.**

**B. Teen Pregnancy Prevention** – the Commission listened to a presentation of statistics and the social impact of teen pregnancy by the Department of Health and Human Services, Youth Health Education Program.

**It was moved by Commissioner Batton and seconded by Commissioner Quintana to receive and file report and to authorize staff to draft a letter of support. The motion carried unanimously.**

**C. Homelessness** – the City's Homeless Services Coordinator, Susan Price, made a presentation to the Commission about homelessness in the city. She also announced a new transitional shelter for youth ages 12 – 17, which is sponsored by the Gay Lesbian Adolescent Social Services (GLASS).

**It was moved by Commissioner Hines and seconded by Commissioner Quintana to receive and file report. The motion carried unanimously.**

**X. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, July 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.**

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

**Having no further business, Co-Chair Turrentine adjourned at 7:25 pm to the next regular scheduled meeting on Wednesday, July 26<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm.**

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